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References listed as AA, AB and AI on Sheet 1 of the attached form PTO-1449 were cited in a corresponding foreign Search Report. A copy of the Search Report, with partial English translation, is also enclosed. U.S. equivalents are submitted in lieu of EP 0 547 190 (U.S. 5,140,839) and DE 39 05 069 (U.S. 5,012,665).

All references which had been cited in the specification (or their U.S. equivalents) are now submitted. U.S. Patent No. 4,698,480 corresponds to DE 34 10 913, and U.S. Patent No. 4,201,905 corresponds to EP 0 008 773. German Patent DE 28 01 475, with an English language abstract, is also enclosed.



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